

Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

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I am writing to support permanent mandatory labeling of irradiated and genetically altered food crops with a disclosure statement and the radura symbol.

I believe labeling of irradiated foods and genetically altered food crops is essential to protecting my right to make an informed choice about the food I buy. I object to any proposal to reduce the size of the disclosure statement and radura or move the labeling to a less conspicuous part of the food packaging or produce displays. I also believe that labeling should be required for foods containing irradiated ingredients and/or are genetically altered, as well as foods in their whole form.

Also, changing the terminology of labeling to "cold pasteurization" or other names to replace "treated by irradiation" or "treated with radiation" would be misleading to consumers who have become familiar with irradiation labeling in place since 1986.

Including an expiration date for labeling irradiated foods would essentially eliminate my right to choose the types of produce I purchase. Again, I support prominent and permanent labeling of all irradiated foods and genetically altered food crops.

Sincerely,

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P.S.

*As a taxpaying citizen
I hope you can do
something about this serious situation,
gratefully yours.*

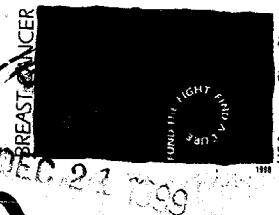
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